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## Jesus In The Home

BY RALPH A. HERRING

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Mark 5:21-43

It was Jesus who brought the music of heaven into our word, "home." The Greeks had no word that could vibrate to its melody, flexible and expressive as was that language in which the New Testament was originally written. "House"—yes, "In my Father's house are many mansions," said Jesus (John 14:1), but only after generations of Christian living could the world appreciate the difference which Jesus made enough to coin a word as rich in its connotation as our English word, "home."

The subject of this message is JESUS IN THE HOME. Proceeding on the assumption that "one picture is worth a thousand words," I shall ask you to look at Jesus in the home of Jairus. Mark's vivid account is before us. Our Lord is returning by ship from across Galilee. The prow of his little boat scarcely touches the pebbled beach of Capernaum before a throng gathers about Him. Among those who wait upon Him is one whose burden of heart is so great that, forgetting the dignity of his position and the richness of his robes, he casts himself at the feet of Jesus in agonized petition. "My little daughter," he pleads, "is at the point of death. . . I pray thee. . . come" (verse 23). And here we may learn our first lesson from Jesus in the home of Jairus.

Jesus Is Quick To Respond

To The Need Of The Home

"And he went with him" (verse 24). Look for a moment at that picture of Christ's instant response to the invitation of Jairus. It was characteristic of Him to go into the homes of people.

Christ appears to have accepted the invitation of a Pharisee to dine with him with as much alacrity as he accepted that of Simon the leper who had prepared a banquet in His honor. He actually invited Himself to the home of Zacchaeus. And on the road to Emmaus that first Easter evening when "he made as though he would go further" (Luke 24:28), what was that gesture but a bid for the invitation of his two companions, who constrained him saying, "Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to abide with them."

We have every right to conclude that Jesus is as eager today as He was then to go with us to our homes. That encourages me every time I counsel with husband or wife about domestic difficulties.

The greatest threat to our nation today is the threat posed by the rapid disintegration of the home.

Two lines of investigation which

may appear unrelated at first converge to point up the seriousness of this threat. The first is the noticeable relation between crime and broken homes. An observant chaplain in one of our institutions at Winston-Salem reminds me that statistics released by J. Edgar Hoover reveal that less than three percent of the delinquents under his investigation have had what may be called a normal home life. Moral delinquency follows inevitably the disintegration of the home.

The other line of investigation is concerned with the relation between the mental health of the individual and the home in which he was reared. One psychiatrist, addressing other physicians, put it this way: "A large percentage of the social as well as of the medical difficulties of adults are based upon the interpersonal difficulties of their past lives, especially in childhood."

Whatever avenue of approach one may take, whether his concern is primarily for the physical and mental health of a people, or for their moral and spiritual welfare, he comes ultimately to the basic importance of the home. What Jesus Finds at Home Is Often Tragic Beyond Words

Picture the scene which met Jesus when he came to the home of Jairus. "He beholdeth a tumult, and many weeping and wailing greatly" (verse 38). In all probability Jairus lived in the better residential section of Capernaum. Being a ruler of the synagogue, his house was likely well ordered and far above the average in its appointments. The happiness of a home, however, does not consist of spacious rooms and lovely furnishings. In spite of all his best efforts the home of Jairus had been invaded by death. His only daughter had been taken. Jesus arrived to find the household overwhelmed by the backwash of uncontrollable grief. Confusion prevailed.

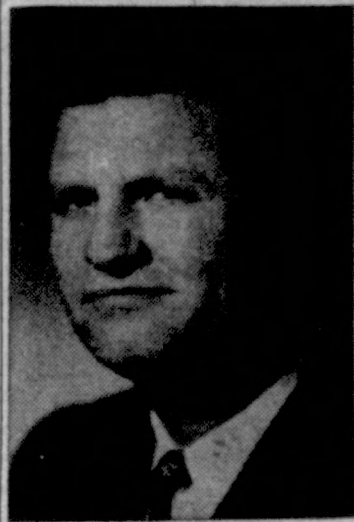
This picture of despair in the home of Jairus mirrors a thousand tragedies with which we are all too familiar. Death comes in like manner today, and things worse than death—sin with all its scan-

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## W.M.U. Season Of Prayer Sept. 14-16

The annual W.M.U. Season of Prayer for State Missions will be held Sept. 14-16. It has been announced by Miss Edwina Robinson, state secretary of the W.M.U. A goal of \$45,000 has been set for the Margaret Lackey offering. Approximately 900 W.M.S. organizations are expected to participate. \$43,243.72 was contributed last year.

## Radio Commission Elects New Head



PAUL M. STEVENS

RIDECREST, N. C. —(BP)—

Paul M. Stevens, pastor, First Baptist Church, Ada, Okla., and member of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, was elected director of the Commission. He will assume his duties Oct. 1.

Born in Ohio, Stevens moved to Mississippi in the early years of his life. He received his early education in Jackson, Miss., and entered Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., as a pre-medical student. While at Mississippi College he was converted and entered evangelistic work with a team of college students conducting youth revivals in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

He is married to Norma Stebbins, Greenville, Miss.

Stevens received the A. B. degree from Baylor University and the Th. M. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

—BR—

## "So Little Time"

By Rev. Fred A. Stewart

"In the beginning God, created the heaven and the earth." He created man in his own image and from a rib which he took from man, he made woman. Thus was the beginning of time and the human race.

We have no basic knowledge of the exact time when man first appeared upon the earth. We only know that in ages of time long past, when both the climate and the outline of the continents were very different from what they are at this present time, primitive man roamed over them with animals, now extinct. This uncounted time of man upon the earth, we call prehistoric, and as far as the measure of the time element, we base it on theory.

About 5,000 years B. C. when the historic curtain first rises, man began to keep written records of

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## Conditions In Korea Described As Critical By Southern Baptist Pastor

### Protestant Indians Sue For Religious Freedom

Albuquerque, N.M.—(RNS) — Six Protestant Jemez Indians have filed suit in U. S. District Court here asking a court order guaranteeing their right to worship according to their wishes.

The suit, which states it was brought on behalf of the 90 Protestant residents of the predominantly Roman Catholic Jemez Pueblo, charges that the Pueblo Council there had deprived them of their religious freedom.

According to the complaint, the Protestants have been denied the right to bury their dead in the communal cemetery or to establish a cemetery of their own. It was also charged that the defendants refused the Protestant Indians the right to have a church of their own or to use their homes for prayer meetings or church services. Protestant missionaries, the complaint said, were not permitted to come and go freely within the pueblo.

The suit further alleges that on July 21, 1952, the council "threatened non-Catholic Jemez Indians with the loss of their birthrights, homes, personal property and right to share in community work if they did not become Catholic."

Another charge made by the plaintiffs said they had been threatened with loss of their wheat crop.

## TENNESSEAN WOULD DENY AID TO COUNTRIES SUPPRESSING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The daily newspapers didn't carry a line on the fact that Representative Pat Sutton (D-Tenn.) tried to prevent any part of the Mutual Security Administration appropriation fund to be used in "any countries that do not guarantee religious freedom."

When Mr. Sutton offered his amendment to this effect, Representative H. Carl Anderson (R-Minn.) made the point of order that the amendment "goes beyond the scope of the bill and requires additional duties on the part of the Administrator."

"Of course, it is a restriction on the bill," Mr. Sutton rejoined. "But it does not go any farther than the bill itself. It is a restriction on the bill in case they do not guarantee religious freedom."

The chair overruled the point of order, and Mr. Sutton argued in favor of his amendment as follows:

"This amendment is offered in good faith toward all denominations. I have no prejudice against

By R. Paul Caudill, Pastor First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Pusan, Korea, August 18, 1953— I thought I knew something about relief problems. I was in Europe soon after the Armistice and moved among the hundreds of thousands of homeless people there. I saw them live in improvised shacks, under viaducts and makeshift shelters—even in holes in the ground. But I find it different here in Korea. It is worse, if that is possible.

Here in Pusan the refugees are literally packed like sardines—jammed to the sidewalks. I looked out of the rear window of the Baptist Mission Compound last evening and as far as my eyes could see up the steep hillside there were little, improvised one-room huts jammed hard against each other, row on row.

According to KCAC (Korea Civil Assistance Command) there are now in South Korea some two million refugees. Several hundred thousand of the refugees are from North Korea, and many of them from the Seoul area and neighboring provinces—displaced because of fighting.

But there are three and a half million people now receiving relief, for many of the local population have been made destitute by the war. There are widows, there are orphans, there are whole families left destitute—a picture that is hard to describe.

Of course this three and a half (Continued on Page Two)

anyone or his religion, but it so happens that in some countries the Methodists, Baptists, and Church of Christ have been cast out, so to speak, in that they have been denied the right to worship as they please.

"I think it nothing but right, since the United States of America was founded for religious freedom, that we not appropriate any money to any country unless they guarantee the same religious freedom we have here to any denomination."

"We are trying to be a guiding light for the freedom loving peoples of the world, and I cannot see how we can ask our people to relinquish our right of worship, regardless of where they may be. But if this amendment fails, this Congress is saying to some countries, 'Take our money, but you have our permission to close our churches and throw our missionaries into jail in your country. We do not care.'"

The amendment was beaten down by the Republicans, 92 to 48.



## Jesus In The Home

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dal and heartache.

A sober look at what is happening to the homes of America is enough to send us all to our knees before God. "The family has been growing small in size. In the United States forty-three percent of all married couples are either childless or have one child." (Sorokin, *The Crisis of Our Age*.) "In the last ten years eight million Americans have walked out of court with a divorce decree." (Ernst and Loth, *Pastoral Psychology*, Jan 1952.)

In this way of life the trend is from the simple to the complex, the tempo has become accelerated and competition has invaded the sanctuary of the home. We must "keep up with the Jones." We have turned from God to gadgets.

The waging of war, and the threat of war are demoralizing factors to the home-life of our people. Great defense centers and the feverish activity of industry occasioned by our military program and our national commitments to other countries have been changing our pattern of living.

As one writer has observed, "A mechanical kind of existence is removing us farther and farther from God."

"Since God seems only relatively important in a city economy, people are not troubled about Him, people do not deny Him, but they do not affirm Him. They do not dispute His existence; it just doesn't matter."

"The new urban individual is preoccupied with other interests. . . It's the great modern apostasy. . . The individual in this urban economy puts his trust in other than spiritual resources."

What greater tragedy is there than the tragedy of a godless home, however, it may abound in creature comforts? What of the solidarity of the family under such circumstances as these things we have been discussing? How can we expect children born and reared in such an atmosphere to achieve a wholesome maturity?

### Jesus' First Move Is To Establish A New Center of Authority

"And when he was entered in, he saith unto them, Why make ye a tumult and weep? the child is not dead, but sleepeth" (verse 39). Jesus had won the confidence of Jairus. The transfer of authority was complete. Whatever the Master said would be final. That is the way it must be if the home is to be truly Christian.

The basic need—and the only comprehensive answer to the chaos and confusion of the average American home—is the recognition of the authority of Jesus Christ.

I mean by this to make His word supreme, to adopt His interpretation of a situation as the only basis of procedure—whatever may be said to the contrary, and however others may laugh him to scorn. To recognize the Lordship of Jesus in this fashion will bring the same beneficial results in our homes today as it did then.

This secret of harmony is the lesson we desperately need to learn today, and the home is the best place in which to learn it. Has the authority of Jesus been

recognized in your home? Is there a family altar there? Is it an altar—not just a pious formality???

I mean by that are sacrifices laid thereon? Do you as parents before the eyes of your growing children come under the discipline of Christ? The only way to enjoy the quietness and the strength which authority brings is for you yourself to come under it. The door to peace is discipline. If we parents will learn it we can teach it to our children also.

If we let Christ be the supreme arbiter in our homes, confusion and chaos would vanish and the harmony of heaven would be heard in our dwellings. Think of what it would mean if He ruled upon our differences. To begin with, there would be no mixed marriages of believers and unbelievers.

It would not be fair to our text, however, and to experience as well if we did not observe that the effect of acting solely on the authority of Jesus may be drastic indeed. When Jesus goes into a home some things must go out. "They laughed Him to scorn. But he . . . put them all forth" (verse 10). The sequence is natural. Professional mourners with their instruments added to the general confusion in the home of Jairus, and Jesus put them all out. I sometimes wonder what He would do with the radio and TV! I am pretty sure that if He did not throw them out altogether He would silence them lots more than they are silenced.

Certain people must go out, too. It was a great test of faith for Jairus to let Jesus put out his friends and neighbors. But our friends and the ties and ways that bind us to them must all be laid on the altar if we mean business with Christ. Until Jesus is free to put out and free to bring in what and whom He pleases any mention of his authority is lip service alone. But the difference when He is in control is well worth the cost.

There is no adequate answer to the distress in our homes today except the authority of Jesus. His first move is to strike at the root of the problem. The gospel of Jesus offers no surface remedy. It comes to grips with the source of the trouble.

Far better would be some wise social engineering at the sources." (Ernst, Morris L. and Loth, David: "For Better or Worse", *Pastoral Psychology*, January, 1952.) Jesus takes that step of engineering by establishing Himself a new center of authority in every home that will admit Him.

The Flow of Life Is From Jesus Through the Natural Channels. After the last scoffer had been ejected and the tumult and the wailing had subsided we read that Jesus "taketh the father of the child and her mother and them that were with him, and goeth in where the child was" (verse 40). Note first that in a certain atmosphere Jesus does not work. In the midst of scorn and unbelief He can not release His mighty power of salvation. Father! mother! — what is the atmosphere in your home? What is your unspoken at-

## Extension Center Set For Southeast Area

A Seminary Extension Center for southeast Mississippi has been established at McLain Church with Thursday night, Sept. 10 set as registration night.

The speaker will be Dr. Perry Claxton pastor First Church, Greenville. Directing the center will be the Rev. Lincoln Newman, of Lucedale, area missionary.

Teachers will include: Rev. W. M. Averett, pastor Richton Church; Rev. J. T. Tolar, pastor McLain Church and Rev. Van H. Hardin, pastor, Lucedale Church.

Attitude towards Christ, toward His church?

Note also that sooner or later Jesus gets to the heart of the trouble. He entered the death room. He extends His ministry to the most sacred intimacies of the home. Mark's vivid account brings to us one of the most amazing dramatizations anywhere on record of Jesus' power to save. See the five of them as they enter with Him into the room where the child lay. It was furnished with all that a twelve-year-old girl would love.

To admit Jesus is to admit Him who is the resurrection and the life. He is the Fountain of that Life which is gloriously new and triumphant, forever satisfying. The healing waters of salvation flow from the Christian home to the uttermost ends of the earth. More than forty years my father spent preaching the Word of Life in China.

There is one further detail of the story of Jesus in the home of Jairus which we must not overlook. We shall be greatly mistaken if we regard it as an anti-climax to this great miracle, as we may be tempted to do at first. I refer to the command of Jesus that "something should be given her to eat" (verse 43). We shall never appreciate Jesus' ministry in the home until we see how perfect is the blend between what we may call the supernatural and the natural. There are things which He alone can do, and there are things which we can and must do. All that He does in no way lessens our own responsibility. Rather, our own part is ennobled by His.

We have seen Jesus in the home of Jairus. Does the vision of His glory there inspire you wistfully to wonder what He could mean, would men in your home? Each of us represents a home. Each of us, therefore, sustains a peculiar relation between that home and Jesus. He fell at the feet of Jesus and besought Him much. He pled with Him with all the earnestness of a breaking heart. Eternity alone can measure the blessings to come if each of us in this great throng would ask Jesus to go home with us, would make Him Lord in the intimacy of the family circle, would build there our altar to Him. God give us the grace to do it.

—BR—

339 books were checked out of the library of the First Church, Hattiesburg, during August.

## Radio Director Back To Pastorate



REV. DUPREE JORDAN, JR.

Rev. Dupree Jordan Jr., Associate Director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission since 1949 and Acting Director for the past year, has resigned to return to the pastorate. He will continue to serve the Commission until Oct. 1st; or as long as is necessary for the new Director to learn the work.

Mr. Jordan has spent his life in the fields of radio and religious activity. He has been preaching for almost 11 years, doing radio work for 12 years, yet is by far the youngest man ever to serve as head of any Southwide agency among Baptists.

He holds an LIB degree from the Atlanta Law School, an AB degree from Mercer University, has done three quarters work on an MA degree at Emory University, and has taken a year's theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Jordan's work with the Commission has been primarily administrative from the outset, but has creative writing, publicity, promotion and public relations.

Under Mr. Jordan's direction, the work of the Commission has grown in every area. The financial condition of the organization has been greatly improved in the past year, with capital assets increased considerably and cash on hand multiplied five times. Radio Center in Atlanta has been completely redecorated and all that work paid for this year.

Station coverage for the Baptist Hour and other programs has been expanded. Many new programs have been produced for the Commission's transcription library, including dramatic programs, devotional programs, and many records of religious music.

## Conditions In Korea

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million receive only partial support. Only those who are ministered to by institutions and hospitals receive the maximum help.

This vast network of relief is channelled through the South Korean Government which, be it remembered, is yet a sovereign nation. There are a total of fifteen hundred Centers of Distribution—Administrative Divisions which correspond to our "Townships." Through these outlets our relief supplies go.

In addition to the millions of pounds of clothing made available by ARK (American Relief for Korea) three hundred thousand tons of grain are distributed annually without cost to the people. Moreover, three hundred thousand tons of fertilizer are made available to the farmer on a low cost basis, and some three million dollars worth of medicine is given.

The whole economy has been upset by the war. Nothing is quite the same anymore. Brigadier General Home Case, Commanding General, KCAC, informed that the farms in South Korea had been reduced in acreage from an average of 3.7 to 2.2 acres. Forty per cent of the farms have no more than 1-4 acreage in size. No more than five per cent of them are above five acres.

It is a woeful, bleak picture—a picture full of heart-rending pathos. For long months to come we can have no satisfying alternative but to help relieve the miserable plight of these heroic people—if we would do unto others as we would have them do unto us. Selah.

—BR—

Yellow Creek Church held a revival August 23-28. Rev. Frederick S. Roth was the evangelist. There were thirteen rededications and three professions of faith. Rev. Thomas E. Lee is the pastor.

—BR—

According to the report of Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Mississippi's contributions during the month of August totaled \$44,247. Of this amount, \$41,126 was through the Cooperative Program and \$3,121 was designated.

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## A Slight

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## A Slight Correction

In a recent issue of "The Baptist Standard," the state paper of Texas, Editor D. M. Gardner wrote, "There is not another paper in the South that has succeeded in sending a 24-page paper into the homes for 52 weeks for less than 2½ cents per week."

Evidently Editor Gardner does not know about the price of The Baptist Record. The Baptist Record has been going into the homes of thousands of Mississippi Baptists for years at a price of 2 cents per week on the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

—BR—

## Too Many Appeals

Hardly a day passes and certainly not a week but that we receive one or more appeals for a special offering. This needy mission field, this church, this object—all worthy—make appeals for special offerings. The latest received is one from a western state. We are not publishing it, just as we publish very few of the other special appeals. Our reason is:

The Cooperative Program is the best way now known to support our work. Every special appeal takes something from the Cooperative Program.

We do not doubt the need for all of the appeals which we constantly receive. But if anyone were able to supply every need for every appeal now before us, next week there would be others just as bad.

If we are going to continue making special appeals, except in unusual cases, we had just as well kiss the Cooperative Program goodbye. The best way to kill the Cooperative Program is a multiplicity of special appeals.

—BR—

## Divine Arithmetic

This editorial came to the Baptist Record office as a news article written by George W. Schroeder, Executive Secretary of the Brotherhood Commission of the S. B. C. It says what we had planned to say and does it so much better than we could have said it that we are using it on the editorial page.

In a recent release to our denominational papers, Louie D. Newton, Chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Baptist Circulation Campaign, called our attention to the fact that circulation of our state papers has passed 1,000,000 copies per issue. Newton also acquainted us with a new circulation goal

which had been adopted by our state editors which calls for a total circulation of 1,200,000 by the time the Southern Baptist Convention meets in St. Louis next June.

We Southern Baptists should be extremely proud of our state papers and their fine circulation. They are a medium through which a regular denominational message is flowing into the hands of millions of our people. Only eternity will reveal the enormous contributions they have made to the over-all program of Southern Baptist endeavor.

A million circulation now—let us all pull together in an effort to make it 1,200,000 by the middle of next year. Our editors have adopted a worthy, practical, and attainable goal and every leader of every church should assist in the achieving of it.

You are probably saying: Why all this excitement and emphasis about increasing the circulation of our state papers? The answer is both simple and logical. Really, it's Divine arithmetic. It goes something like this:

The larger the circulation, the larger the number of readers:

The larger number of readers, the increased knowledge on the part of our constituency of what we as a cooperating people are attempting to do for our Lord;

The increased knowledge will bring increased interest:

Increased interest will bring increased concern;

Increased concern will bring in-

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creased devotion;

Increased devotion will bring increased determination;

Increased determination on the part of increased numbers of our people will reflect itself in an increased effectiveness in our efforts of spreading the message of our Lord.

And on and on we could go. It is a Divine cycle. It is Heavenly arithmetic. The more people informed of what we are doing, the more people enlisted in the full support of our cooperative causes.

Call it Divine arithmetic, a Divine cycle, or whatever you may, the Brotherhood is for the increased circulation of our denominational papers. We are confident that through the cooperation of all of our leadership, in all our organizations, the goal of 1,200,000 will be surpassed by June, 1954.

—BR—

## Women Ministers

Read the following news dispatch from the Religious News Service concerning a report to the American (Northern) Baptist Convention:

"DENVER — More women ministers were suggested here as the solution to the problem of developing rural churches in backward areas.

"The proposal was made by Mrs. R. F. Palmer, minister of the Baptist church at Bellingham, Mass., and a member of the Commission on Ministry of the American Baptist Convention.

"She found only 33 women pastors in the 34 states of the American Baptist Convention. Maine has the most with seven. Fourteen are single, 10 married and nine are widows.

"All of the women pastors, Mrs. Palmer said, believe it is easier for a

woman to work with women in the church, handle children and take care of visiting duties.

"She also warned that a woman pastor who is not careful can turn the church into a 'female organization.'"

This is just another instance of the modernistic trend of our Northern Baptist brethren.

Far be it from us to discount the invaluable work of our women. If it had not been for the valiant and sacrificial work of our Southern Baptist women in promoting the Lottie Moon offering, the Foreign Mission Board would probably have gone out of business during the depression years. Many of the important places in our churches are filled by women. What would our Sunday Schools or Training Unions be without them? Most of the visitation is done by them but preaching and pastoring is not the work of women.

As far as we know there is not a single instance in the Bible of women as pastors.

We believe that women can render much service but not as pastors.

## Our Readers Write

Dr. Goodrich:

I thought you might be interested in knowing there is a Southern Baptist Fellowship in Japan! We meet the first and third Sunday afternoons of each month at the Washington Heights Chapel near Shibuya Station, Tokyo. At present Chaplain Harry A. Borah, Mississippi, is chairman.

We try to contact every Baptist in the Tokyo-Yokohama area and have found that contacts are sometimes made through the folks back home! The missionaries are most happy to have Service Personnel visit in their homes. I'm grateful for the opportunities I have had to know the missionaries and their work during the forty months I have been in Japan.

The Baptist Record has been welcomed thoroughly, read, and passed on to other Southern Baptists! We are pleased with your coverage of Japan, particularly the camp on Izu Peninsula and the hospital at Kyoto. We feel that you have kept us well informed on the Baptist work in Mississippi and the work of the Southern Baptist Convention, too, in its ever increasing territory.

In His Service,

M/SGT. LENA BRATTON.

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## Our Readers Write

BROTHER LAYMAN  
DON'T DO THIS!

(By a Pastor)

A new Pastor has just been called. He goes to work, and begins to show some results. The crowds are coming. He baptizes a few converts. Things are moving off to a start. Everyone is happy. The Pastor has high hopes and plans for the future. Suddenly, out of nowhere, comes the report that Brother So-and-So is angry with the Pastor. But the bewildered Pastor cannot find out what is the matter. No amount of friendly, Christian, kindly approach can budge the offended brother. He has not the honesty nor moral courage to tell the Pastor to his face what is wrong, but behind his back, the offended brother says the most vicious, cruel, unkind, unfair, untrue, and dishonest things about the Pastor. If the Pastor undertakes to defend himself, everybody takes sides, and the Church is split wide open; and so the Pastor has to suffer in silence. This vicious attack is hurting not only the Pastor, but the Church as a whole. But nobody raises a hand to help the Pastor. People sit back and shake their heads and say, "Poor Pastor! We feel sorry for him!" But nobody does anything about it. After awhile, people begin to say, "I have nothing against the Pastor, but maybe if he would move on and let us call a new Pastor, we would have harmony." The Pastor eventually moves, never knowing why he has been so mistreated. Another Pastor is called, and another, and another. Same story. Each one stays awhile, and leaves, a defeated, discouraged, begins to go down. Good members get tired of the continuous squabbling, and quit coming. A faithful few are left. "Don't know what is wrong with our Church," they say. "About the time we get started off and making progress, a fight starts." Then somebody reads Matthew 18:15-18, and Titus 2:10, and they denied to use the Biblical treatment. A little group of determined people gets together and forms a committee. The committee waits on the offending brother who has made life miserable for Pastors and laymen alike for years past, and they kindly but firmly tell him that he has kept the Church in a turmoil long enough. If he wants to come to Church and listen to the sermons, Heaven knows he needs them, but if he raises another disturbance, the deacons will ask the Church to drop his name from the roll. The offending brother, being usually moral coward, quickly retreats. He gives no more trouble. Maybe he stays at home. Maybe he goes to another Church. But the Church he left loses nothing, and the Church that gets him gains nothing. And the Church he left is on Her Way. She begins to grow. The members begin to come back. The Pastor is working hard and is happy. The deacons have learned their lesson. Next time someone starts a move to oppose the



REV. VAN DYKE QUICK

Shows above is Rev. Van Dyke Quick, who recently surrendered for the ministry. He was licensed to preach by the Hazlehurst Church.

Mr. Quick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Quick of Hazlehurst, and is a Junior at Mississippi College this year.

—BR—  
THIS HAPPENED AT  
THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The patient was a Roman Catholic from a distant city. Soon he asked for the priest.

"We don't have a priest, though we could get you one. However, our Hospital Chaplain is available now, if you care to see him."

When the chaplain came, the patient began at once to confess his sins.

"But you need not confess your sins to me, my friend, I could not forgive them, anyway. You and I are both sinners. Let us confess our sins right now to God, and pray for forgiveness."

Several days later the patient went home with a new heart, a new vision, and a New Testament—all three of them dedicated to God. He is a wealthy business man, now a co-partner with God in God's great business of life.

Pastor, he is kindly but firmly asked by the deacons what his complaint might be. He is told that the deacons want to be fair with him, but also they must be fair with everyone else. To be unfair to the Pastor, or anyone else, is to hurt the whole Church. The offending brother will knuckle under when he is face to face with a committee of honest, sincere, but determined deacons or other laymen.

The tragedy of it all is—why didn't the deacons wake up twenty years sooner and save the needless tragedies they allowed one or two people to perpetrate against the Church, and half a dozen former Pastors? Charles Hadden Spurgeon once said, "There is a devil in every Church." But why let him stay there? Why not clip him before he ruins the Church and half a dozen Pastors? All it takes is a few people with a bit of moral courage and common sense. Most of the chronic troublemakers in Churches are moral cowards, and are not hard to curb.

CLARKE COLLEGE HAS  
REAL RALLY DAY

Rally day at Clarke College on Tuesday, Sept. 1, was highlighted by such features as the return of the Famous Clarke College Quartette, which so entertained and inspired the large group of Mississippi Baptists from all parts of the state with their ad libbing and singing; welcoming addresses by Mayor E. L. Clark of Newton and president W. E. Greene; response by Dorris Rivers from Mississippi State College; message of needs of Clarke College by Rev. C. J. Olander, pastor at Morgan City; humorous but earnest appeal for these needs by Rev. W. A. (Slick) Green, pastor at Roxie, which was followed by pledges and a special offering of almost 25,000 for a student loan fund and building needs; a masterful address by Congressman Arthur Winstead on the Korean situation and the position of the United States in world affairs; and climaxed with a delicious Brunswick dinner.

The Rev. M. Olander clearly set forth Clarke's needs as being more endowment, more and safer buildings, more operational income—both from the denomination and student loan funds—and more apartments for married students.

Rev. Green humorously but dynamically appealed for funds with which to replace "the rat nest dormitory our future leaders are having to live in in order to get an education". He closed his appeal by asking for pledges and donations. Several thousand dollars were raised in pledges and cash for the dormitory and a pastor announced that one of his members had pledged \$320,000 for a student loan fund and also was seeking to get 4 other men to match his pledge for a total of \$100,000.

The main address of the day was delivered by Honorable Arthur Winstead, congressman from the fifth congressional district. He stressed the importance of Christian education in an atomic age when the threat of global war is so very near and great. He accredited the truce in Korea to the fact that we possess the atom bomb and the Chinese Communist know that we could give them a devastating blow. He concluded with a plea that we all strive to reflect the beautitudes in our lives.

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Last Call For  
'Transfer Week'

The Baptist Record is issuing its last call for "Transfer Church Membership Week, Sept. 13-20."

481,376 people joined Southern Baptist Churches by letter and statement last year as a result of "Transfer Week."

There are still more than 1,500,000 unreached and "Transfer Week" this year should be the means of enlisting many of them.

Every Mississippi Baptist Church is urged to observe the week, following the detailed suggestions submitted by the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board.

## Have You Considered The Cost?

BY J. P. EDMUNDS

One of the major weaknesses of Southern Baptists is idle manpower. It is costing from 30 to 40 percent in efficiency, in Christian witnessing, and missionary giving. Unless we can reactivate this unused power our churches will be greatly weakened.

A few weeks ago I drove my car into a garage, a dissatisfied customer. One look under the hood and the mechanic said, "No wonder you're dissatisfied. Your car power, but two of your cylinders is capable of developing 140 horsepower idle, and your motor is only 75 per cent efficient. Those two idle cylinders are costing you money in mileage and performance."

Yes, we do something about idle horse power. We take our cars to the garage. But, what about the idle man-power in our churches? For instance, we have 7,634,493 church members, but 2,343,789, almost a third, are non-resident members. They are not enlisted. We cannot find many of them. They are lost to our churches as far as serving and witnessing are concerned.

Perhaps, if we should consider what this idle man-power is costing our churches, the Kingdom, and the individuals themselves, we would do more to reactivate this unused power.

1. This idle man-power cost Southern Baptists more than 110,000 new converts last year. Since these 2,343,789 church members are non-resident, perhaps we may assume that the majority of them were not active soul-winners. If they were active in their churches, their witness would have helped Southern Baptists win another 110,000 to Christ last year. This figure is based on the ratio of baptisms to membership in Southern Baptist churches last year.

2. This idle man-power cost Southern Baptists more than 76 million dollars in total gifts last year. This figure is arrived at by multiplying 2,343,789 by \$32.48, the per capita gifts of Southern Baptists last year. We are assuming again that as non-resident members they contributed little or nothing to their churches. This unrealized money would have gone far in extending the Kingdom of God in thousands of communities.

3. This idle man-power cost Southern Baptists more than 14 million dollars in mission gifts. Since this represents almost a third of our total mission gifts last year, it can be seen that Southern Baptists might have undertaken one-third more in mission work last year if this idle man-power had been reactivated and challenged to support the missionary program of their churches.

4. This idle man-power cost Southern Baptists at least a million in Sunday School enrolment. Perhaps even more, for their presence in the Sunday school and their work in the interest of Sunday school attendance would have insured the presence of thousands of others. The cost to these individuals

in Bible knowledge and Christian growth is even more tragic and is further evidence of the tremendous cost of this unused power.

These are only a few of the material costs of this idle manpower. There is also a spiritual cost, not only to Southern Baptists but to the unenlisted church members themselves. It is the exception for one to grow spiritually who habitually absents himself from his church. It is a spiritual cost which might easily bankrupt the individual as far as his Christian witness and usefulness are concerned.

Transfer Church Membership Week, to be observed by Southern Baptists the week of September 13-20, is an effort to revitalize this idle man-power in our churches. God's love and care are not beyond the reach of Christians anywhere. They can worship and serve Him wherever they may be, even as non-resident members. But, do they? The evidence that they do not is so overwhelming that churches should unite in this Convention-wide effort to reclaim the sheep that have wandered astray.

—BR—  
EAST END CHURCH  
HAS GOOD REVIVAL

East End Church, Columbus, had its revival Aug. 23-30. Dr. Joe T. Odle, pastor of the First Church Gulfport, was the evangelist. There were 19 additions to the church with 14 of these coming for baptism.

Robert Malone, church music director, was in charge of the music. Sunday School and Training Union attendance was up the Sunday of Aug. Revival crowds were good throughout.

Rev. K. Z. Stevens is pastor.

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## 100 Mississippi Churches Leading In Total Mission Contributions

Nov. 1, 1952—Aug. 31, 1953

CHURCH	AMOUNT
1. Jackson, First	\$57,142.45
2. Jackson, Calvary	47,585.40
3. Columbus, First	30,678.30
4. Meridian, First	25,024.41
5. Tupelo, Calvary	23,612.70
6. Gulfport, First	22,029.88
7. Brookhaven, First	22,020.31
8. McComb, First	18,918.62
9. Meridian, 15th Ave.	17,520.33
10. Grenada, First	15,819.87
11. Vicksburg, First	14,236.74
12. Laurel, First	14,185.68
13. Hattiesburg, Main St.	14,026.85
14. West Point, First	13,582.95
15. Pascagoula, First	13,563.87
16. Crystal Springs, First	13,185.61
17. Hattiesburg, First	12,509.07
18. Clinton	12,458.45
19. New Albany, First	12,338.15
20. Picayune, First	12,179.41
21. Leland, First	11,892.10
22. Greenwood, First	11,825.60
23. Columbia, First	11,582.00
24. Jackson, Parkway	10,998.38
25. Kosciusko, First	10,691.94
26. Canton, First	10,652.67
27. Yazoo City, First	9,821.21
28. Jackson, Daniel Memorial	9,439.03
29. Cleveland, First	8,605.55
30. Hazlehurst, First	8,172.37
31. Newton	7,841.01
32. Pontotoc, First	7,830.53
33. Louisville, First	7,723.84
34. Tupelo, Harrisburg	7,106.87
35. Natchez, First	7,093.43
36. Quitman, First	7,022.38
37. Jackson, Northside	6,786.72
38. Greenville, First	6,682.93
39. Philadelphia, First	6,524.91
40. Forest	6,128.83
41. Starkville, First	6,065.72
42. Hattiesburg, Temple	5,979.86
43. Biloxi, First	5,976.03
44. Moss Point, First	5,843.96
45. Belzoni, First	5,843.29
46. Meridian, Southside	5,839.76
47. Batesville, First	5,794.52
48. Durant, First	5,760.67
49. Prentiss, First	5,682.03
50. Jackson, Van Winkle	5,457.27
51. McComb, East	5,158.29
52. Aberdeen, First	5,111.01
53. Clarksdale, First	4,994.08
54. Liberty	4,959.34
55. Meridian, Poplar Springs Drive	4,670.87
56. Carthage	4,534.42
57. Jackson, Alta Woods	4,336.17
58. Meridian, Highland	4,318.36
59. Winona, First	4,301.72
60. Blue Mountain, Lowrey Memorial	4,261.82
61. Lucedale	4,140.29
62. Corinth, First	4,043.50
63. Holly Springs, First	3,943.12
64. Drew	3,920.85
65. Bay Springs	3,899.22
66. Waynesboro, First	3,728.17
67. Booneville, First	3,727.85
68. Itta Bena, First	3,680.79
69. Laurel, West	3,669.52
70. Water Valley, First	3,658.88
71. Laurel, Second Ave.	3,630.93
72. Monticello	3,618.29
73. Indianola, First	3,599.32
74. Magee	3,515.56
75. Tunica, First	3,495.11
76. Tupelo, First	3,431.40
77. Charleston, First	3,400.06
78. Florence, Steen's Creek	3,362.40
79. Magnolia, First	3,274.14
80. Meridian, 41st Ave.	3,250.39
81. Oxford, First	3,221.84
82. Sardis, First	3,221.32

83. Ruleville, First	3,142.80
84. Galilee, Gloster	3,132.90
85. Lyon	3,114.73
86. Tylertown, First	3,103.24
87. Zion Hill (Lebanon)	2,974.99
88. McComb, South	2,974.63
89. Jackson, Griffith Memorial	2,917.09
90. Okolona	2,739.66
91. Amory	2,738.16
92. Bunker Hill (Marion)	2,702.74
93. Hattiesburg, Immanuel	2,622.01
94. Friendship (Pike)	2,621.72
95. Long Beach	2,618.81
96. Union, First	2,608.23
97. Moss Point, East	2,584.09
98. Petal-Harvey	2,555.75
99. McComb, Central	2,551.74
100. Raymond	2,524.99

### "I DON'T PLEDGE!"

BY REV. LEE GALLMAN

As we approach a great stewardship effort, we hear now and then the statement, "I don't pledge." By this the speaker means that he never makes a church pledge. The basis of this statement is a false sense of honesty. What that individual feels is that a pledge is an irrevocable obligation; it is a commitment of one's self on the side of God materially. If one should pledge and fail to fulfill it, he would be guilty of dishonesty (they say). Now in order to preserve my honesty, I will refuse to pledge. Since I have no pledge, I have no obligation. What ever the church gets out of me is over and above what it expected for I don't pledge.

Foolish man, or woman! Your pledge is your commitment on the side of God. It assumes an obligation that is yours, whether you agree or not. Of course it is wrong to break a pledge. But the real wrong is not pledge breaking, but in seeking to escape obligations.

The principle, when applied to business is impossible. I buy a suit of clothes on credit. The merchant asks, in substance, do you pledge to pay for this merchandise? We make a substantial down payment on an automobile, how is the rest handled? By pledge. We pledge to make payments; a mortgage is a pledge; credit rating is based on one's honoring his pledges; the marriage vow is a pledge. Many who make such statements have entered into some covenant relationship with his fellow men in some fraternal orders, or civic clubs. This is all well and good, but why would one swallow such camels and strain out the gnat of church pledges.

Surely one who intends to be honest would not object to saying so! Surely one who can read knows that he can alter or change his pledge at will.

My pledge is based upon a sense of Christian stewardship. I see no reason why one should object to obligating himself to do what he should do.

If it is wrong to break a pledge and not give, the wrong of NOT GIVING is as great. The real wrong is in abrogating our obligations.

### "So Little Time"

(Continued from Page One)  
what he thought and did.

In the valleys of the Nile and the Euphrates, written records have been discovered which were made four or five thousand years B. C., declaring that there were nations and civilizations already venerable with age and possessing arts, governments, and institutions that bear evidence of slow growth through very long periods of time.

We know that God was the Creator of time and will be the ending of time. As far as our human knowledge of time is concerned, it is unlimited. We do not know when time began and we have no clear perception when time will cease. Only God is the answer to this question as well as all the other unanswered questions about the prehistoric age.

You may have a question in your mind that if time is unlimited, what is meant by "so little time." We have only concerned ourselves with the time element of the world and the changing generations of the earth. But what about the measure of time in the human life?

We are born into this world but our babyhood is very short because of the rapid passing of time. Very soon we reach the age of accountability when the most vital question of our life arises. What are we going to do about Jesus Christ? That is one question we all have to answer. We can renounce God all of our lives which will be the saddest decision we will ever make, because when our time in life ceases, we will all have to stand before the judgement seat of God. We do not have any purpose in life. We are selfish, worldly and conceited. We do not love anyone but ourselves. We don't care if our brothers, sisters, or our friends accept Christ because we do not know him and he doesn't mean anything to us.

Some of us may say that we will become Christians at a later time. This later time we speak of when we will accept Jesus Christ may never come because we have "so little time."

Early in our lives we should make a decision for God and live by his teachings. A Christian life is a wonderful and secure life. You will never worry about your allotment of time in life or when it ends because we read from the word of God that when our time in life here on earth ceases, there will be another time element that will have no end. We will spend this time either with God or the devil. It all depends on the decision we make in our earthly time in life.

"So little time" of life as we go about our daily task. Yesterday we said harsh words to a youth because he didn't measure up to the yard stick of our years. We will go see him sometimes and tell him we are sorry. We won't go now but later. Later may never come, "so little time." We have a friend who is not a Christian. One of these Sundays we will go by and take him to church with us. Not this Sunday, but lat-

### Overstreet Goes To Mt. Horeb Church



REV. W. E. OVERSTREET

Rev. W. E. Overstreet has resigned Mt. Horeb Church in Lauderdale Co. to accept Beulah Church in Newton County effective Sept. 15. He pastored Pine Grove and Duffee in Newton County before coming to Mt. Horeb.

Since coming to Mt. Horeb there have been 8 additions to the church. A Brotherhood has been organized and is sponsoring the Savoy Baptist Mission.

or we will go by; "so little time."

There is an untold number of families in which there is congeniality and love but everything taken for granted. A husband and wife have a disagreement and during a fit of anger say harsh heart-breaking words to each other when soft words of devotion would have erased all unhappiness. They are too headstrong and proud to show affection, one for the other, during their rage. There are numbers of times when unhappiness is evident in the home.

One day there was a little insignificant thing that came up which they didn't agree on. They started in a heated argument saying hateful things to each other. When the end of day came they were still mad and had hatred in their hearts for each other. In the small hours of the morning, the husband awakened deathly sick and in just a short time he was dead. The grief stricken wife remembered all the unhappiness that could have been happiness had she only known there was "so little time." If she could only call back the times and have another chance, their lives together would be different. They would be completely happy with a mutual understanding. Time passes and can never be brought back. The rest of her allotted time in life will be spent in regret for she dreams of what might have been had there not been "so little time."

We never know what changes will take place in our lives with the passing of time. As we journey along with time, there is so much happiness in store for each of us and there is so much pleasure we can give to others if we would give our life completely to Jesus Christ. Each minute of every day we should keep this question in our hearts. "What would Jesus have me to do?" Live each second of your allotted

### PRICEVILLE CHURCH ORDAINS TWO DEACONS

On Sunday, August 30, Priceville Church ordained two deacons, Charles Lee and Wiley A. Pickens.

The candidates were presented by the church clerk, R. H. Anglin. The pastor of Belden Church, Rev. James Welch, brought the ordination sermon. Rev. Rupert Golding led the ordination prayer.

After the laying on of hands by the deacons of Priceville Church, Auburn Church, and Belden Church Rev. Frank Roblin, pastor gave the charge to the deacons.

### Louisville Seminary Begins Evening School

With the beginning of its ninety-fourth session on Sept. 22, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, will inaugurate an evening school for the benefit of student wives.

Although the program is planned in response to the requests of student wives who do not have opportunity to attend classes in the regular schedule, it is open to all interested persons not enrolled in the School of Religious Education or the School of Theology of the Seminary.

time by the teaching of God, "Love one another", have a deep yearning in your heart for the ones who do not know God. Pray for them, for there is "so little time."

"So little time" as we travel the road of life. "So little time" to do all the things we wish to do. "So little time" to bring comfort and happiness to others. Each time your watch or clock ticks away each second that is a second gone in your allotted time of life.

"So little time" to sing praises unto God. "So little time" to thank God for all his blessings. Yes, "so little time."

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New Home (Smith)	63	15.25
Pilgrim's Rest (Calhoun)	50	4.64
Green River Baptist Mission (Riverside)	43	4.00
Carey Chapel (Marshall)	106	
Union West Baptist (Lafayette)	28	3.88
Clifton (Scott)	110	16.46
Runnelstown (Perry)	101	16.43
Hardy (Grenada)	69	5.25
Goss (Marion)	94	16.50
Liberty (Carroll)	65	7.89
Pharsalia (Panola)	27	4.32
Enon (Panola)	34	4.34
Enon (Walthall)	111	22.09
Pine Bluff (Clay)	68	8.76
Shiloh (Winston)	49	3.50
Beacon Street, Philadelphia	107	17.28
Freeny (Leake)	119	14.00
Antioch (Copiah)	73	17.25
Anchor (Lafayette)	86	23.25
Green Grove Negro B. (Jeff Davis)	38	3.89
Bay St. Louis, First	102	30.13
Pleasant Hill Negro B. (Jeff Davis)	111	5.38
Dinan (Walthall)	46	13.50
Shiloh (Marion)	73	5.25
Success (Gulf Coast)	77	14.81
Topisaw (Lincoln)	35	8.48
Hattiesburg, Immanuel	214	45.57
Prentiss, First	71	1.11
Bowlin (Attala)	31	1.66
Batesville, Calvary	99	11.35
Friendship (Jackson)	96	12.00
McComb, Friendship	154	
Foxworth	158	
Hollywood (Riverside)	110	
Thomastown	109	
Marion (Lauderdale)	76	22.00
Furrs (Pontotoc)	53	
Sardis (Copiah)	64	5.68
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West Enterprise, Pine Hill	46	
Bethel (Sunflower)	108	
Pleasant Grove, (Grenada)	39	
Enon (Walthall)	111	22.09
Satartia	79	17.50
Clear Creek Mission (Riverside)	51	30.00
St. James (Negro)	125	
Moss Point First	175	38.39
Parker (Calhoun)	66	3.87
St. Paul (Negro)	76	
Coldwater (Neshoba)	97	11.33
Oak Grove (Neshoba)	44	
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Mt. Olive (Negro)	129	
Sunflower (Negro)	60	
Ford's Chapel (Negro)	50	
Magee's Creek (Negro)		
Tylertown First (Negro)	105	
Banner (Calhoun)	93	7.61
Holly Grove (Simpson)	59	11.00
Sauls Valley (Lawrence)	52	18.00
Riverside (Leflore)	38	12.23
Mars Hill (Leake)	57	8.11
Gainesville (Negro)	58	9.20
Clifton (Scott)	110	16.46

Mt. Olive Church, Amite County, recently observed Homecoming Day. Rev. S. G. Pope, McComb, brought the morning message and Dr. Wyatt Hunter, pastor of First Church, McComb, brought the evening message. The church is making plans for building a new church. Rev. Guy Little is the pastor.

## Robinson St. Evangelist



HOWARD BENSON

The Rev. Howard Benson, pastor of First Church, Carrollton, Ga., will be the evangelist for the revival at the Robinson Street Church in Jackson Sept. 13-20.

The Rev. Mr. Benson is a native of Drew. He received his education at Mississippi College, and the New Orleans Seminary. He previously was pastor at Terry.

## DR. J. H. NEWTON

Dr. J. H. Newcomb, long time deacon in the Richton Baptist Church and for thirty-one years a practicing physician at Richton, died suddenly Friday afternoon, August 28th, 1953. Dr. Newcomb was seventy years of age. Funeral services were held in the Richton Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, August 30th, in charge of the Pastor, Rev. W. M. Averett, assisted by Rev. A. M. O'Neal. Interment was at Louin, Miss.

Sumner Church held a revival meeting recently. There 22 additions, 11 for baptism. Many made dedications. The pastor is Rev. Joseph R. Nanney, Jr.

## BAPTIST FOUNDATION MONTH

September has been designated as Baptist Foundation Month. Tracts are available without cost from the office of Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, Executive Secretary Mississippi Baptist Foundation, Box 530, Jackson. If you have opportunity to use them or desire to learn more of this great ministry he will be glad to assist you.

Cumberland	40	
Hebron (Panola)	44	11.53
Antioch (Jeff Davis)	34	
Hebron (Jones)	87	3.48
Tinsley (Yazoo)	50	11.49
New Bethel (Neshoba)	108	14.50
Soso	125	15.04
Napoleon (Pearl River)	45	9.92
Round Lake (Bolivar)	69	2.52
Hardy	58	
New Jerusalem (Carroll)	31	5.00
Orange Grove Chapel (Jackson)	52	

## Accepts Taylorsville



W. H. MERRITT

Rev. W. H. Merritt of Sandersville has been called as pastor of the Taylorsville Church and will take up his duties there Sept. 15.

He has been pastor at Sandersville for four and one-half years. During this time the church has experienced a remarkable growth. The budget has been greatly increased, the Sunday School has reached the standard, and two hundred and sixty-six members have been added. One hundred and sixty-seven of the new members were added by baptism.

Under his guidance the pastorate has been repaired and a beautiful modern church building has been erected which is debt free.

During the revival at Madden Church in Leake County there were six additions, three for baptism.

Rev. Troy Prince was the evangelist. Rev. V. B. Roane is the pastor.

During the revival at High Hill Church in Neshoba County there were 26 additions, with 24 for baptism. There were five additions shortly following the revival. W. J. Burnette was the evangelist. Rev. V. B. Roane is the pastor.

Dr. W. A. Criswell of the First Baptist Church, Dallas Texas, writes of the book, Seven Simple Sermons on the Saviour's Last Words, by Dr. W. Herschel Ford, pastor of the First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas: "These sermons were not spun out of a philosopher's chair far removed from the tears and turmoil of life. They came from the warm soul of a great pastor who lives with them their daily joys and sorrows. May God use these sermons to win many others to the crucified One who died that we might all inherit Heaven's greatest possession, eternal life." Dr. Ford unforgettably sets forth seven messages studying the seven last words of the Saviour on the Cross. He uses the following headings: "Christ's Prayer for His Persecutors," "Christ's Promise to a Penitent Thief," "Christ's Provision for His Mother," "Christ's Cry from the Depths of Sorrow," "Christ's Cry of Human Suffering," "Christ's Cry of Triumph," and "Christ's Cry of Soul-Committal." Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan for 1.50.

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## BAPTIST FAITH MONTH

March of 1954 is to be observed as Baptist Faith Month. New study course books are being prepared for this emphasis.

This note is to urge all pastors and Training Union Directors to begin planning for this emphasis and to begin planning to have a doctrinal study course at that time using the new books.

## BIG PUSH IN 1954

As members of Sunday School we are all interested in reaching a "million more in '54." As members of Training Union we are interested in matching that challenge by organizing 3,000 new Training Unions in the convention territory in 1954.

Broken down to our size, we have set a goal for 121 new Training Unions in the state of Mississippi. Although this represents almost twice as many as we unusually report it does not represent an impossibility.

There is only one way it can be done and that is for Associational Training Union Directors and Officers to enlist nearby churches to talk with the church leadership and encourage them to organize Training Union work. Ask organized churches to adopt an unorganized church and plan a program of extension activity to reach it.

NOTE STUDY COURSE  
REQUIREMENTS FOR  
STEWARDSHIP BOOKS

The statements below are copied from a sheet listing the tables of contents of the books which have been prepared from the School of Stewardship in which your church will participate this fall. We urge Pastors and Training Union Directors to note these requirements NOW:

"Sunday School or Training Union Credit will be given for the completion of Adult or Young People's books when the customary requirements are met.

Training Union Credit only may be secured for the completion of the Junior and Intermediate books." Juniors and Intermediates do not receive credit on books prepared for adults and young people.

"No Sunday school credit is given on these books below the Young People's level."

"No Training Union credit is given on these books below the Junior level."

"Woman's Missionary Union will give class credit in their organizations for the completion of all the books."

OAK GROVE, BONITA  
HAS CAMPAIGN

Under the leadership of Pastor Elton Moore and Training Union Director Mrs. Forman Windham, Oak Grove Church at Bonita, engaged in a Training Union Enlargement Campaign, August 23-28. During the week eighty three persons were enrolled in the five classes which were provided.

Miss Louise Hill directed the campaign which resulted in the enlistment of twelve new workers

and the organization of one new department and three new unions. Total Training Union enrollment at present is ninety eight.

## CORRECTION PLEASE!

By mistake the name of Miss Georgia Elaine Parnell of Peach Creek Baptist Church, Sardis, was not included in the listing of regional Intermediate Sword Drill winners which appeared in this column two weeks ago. Miss Parnell was winner in the Northern Region and participated in the State Finals at Camp Garaywa.

POCAHONTAS CHURCH  
PRESENTS GIFT TO MC

The Pocahontas Church of Hinds County has given Mississippi College \$425 toward its expansion program. A gift of \$300 was made by the congregation at its regular worship service Sunday, August 24. Since then the pastor and his wife supplemented the gift with an additional \$125. Rev. T. C. Lewis, Jr., is the pastor.

Earlier the Pocahontas Baptists saw "Fairest of All" during an evening service and heard the college field secretary describe Mississippi College's challenge to raise \$40,000 by March 14, 1954.

In accepting the gift President D. M. Nelson extended warm thanks to the church congregation and their pastor and his wife. He stated that if other Baptist churches gave proportionately the college would have no difficulty in raising the needed funds for expansion.

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## Woman's Missionary Union

President—Miss Almarie Brown, Jackson  
Executive Secretary—Miss Edwina Robinson  
Young People's Secretary—Miss Nell Taylor  
Royal Ambassador Secretary—Joel Ray

### STATE MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER

September 14-17

Theme: State Missions, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

The goal is \$45,000 which includes a special Diamond Jubilee objective of \$3,500 designated for racial work. This will help make possible our representative to the Chinese. It will help us to continue the camps for our Indian Young People and for some of them to attend Camp Garaywa. This will help to make possible the Institute for Negro Women and the camps for Negro young people.

ABBEVILLE has Coronation and Recognition service. The pastor at Abbeville, Rev. B. B. McGee, writes of the splendid service held on Sunday night, August 30. There were 4 pages recognized; 1 maiden; 3 ladies in waiting and Virginia Ann McGee was crowned queen. The associational young people's leader, Mrs. R. H. Winter brought a message to the group. Abbeville W. M. U. has all of the auxiliaries with capable leaders.

#### B. W. C. HOUSE PARTY

September 18-20

Camp Garaywa, Clinton, Miss. All Business Women are reminded of the annual meeting at Garaywa. Plans are under way for 150 business women to be present. Missionaries will bring messages; conferences on the new B. W. C. guide will be held, fellowship with business women from all over the state. Reservations should be made through the W. M. U. Office, Box 530, Jackson. If further information is needed write the W. M. U. Office. Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, Magnolia, is the State Federation Chairman.

#### SUMMER WORKERS

The mission offering from Girls' auxiliary, Royal Ambassador and Young Women's Auxiliary camps was used to send two of our Mississippi young people to mission fields as summer workers. They promoted the work of our missionary organizations primarily. These two workers were: Miss Mary Nell Berry, Columbus, to the Indians in Oklahoma and Stanley Stamps, Prentiss, to the Mexicans in Texas.

In the letter following, Mrs. J. L. Moye, Executive Secretary of the Mexican Woman's Missionary Union of Texas expresses her appreciation to us for sending Stanley to help the Mexican people.

"Dear Mississippi Friends:  
"The work of the summer students is over and I would like to report to you about the Royal Ambassador work. Stanley Stamps worked with us eleven weeks and did a very fine piece of work. He has a good knowledge of the work and found ready acceptance among the boys and the older people. We would like for him to come back to us next summer. We were all pleased with the progress he made in the use of Spanish. It is not necessary to know Spanish to work among the boys but it is a great help in being accepted, also, in

knowing what goes on around you. We are deeply grateful to Mississippi Royal Ambassadors who paid his salary.

"We too appreciate the \$50 which you sent to help us in our camp. It was a big help. There were 87 boys and counselors enrolled in camp. The program was good and the boys had a great time. Stanley came through with this in a fine way.

Next year we hope to do more promotional work through conclaves and more regional camps. We have had a summer worker the last two years and the number of chapters has risen from about 30 to at least 65. We expect to see more results during the year than we have during the summer. This was true last year.

"Thank God for the Mississippi Royal Ambassadors who are doing mission work now and their counselors who lead them.

"MRS. J. L. MOYE."

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### MY VIEWS ON TITHING

BY J. A. REEVES

People have many different views about tithing. As a farmer, I believe a tenth of everything the Lord allows me to raise is his. The Lord has said the tenth is his. That is what we owe. At the end of the year when my crop is gathered, regardless of what I raise, I sum up its value as near as I can based on what I think I could sell it for, and then I turn in one-tenth of that amount to my church. That is the Lord's instruction as I see it. I don't believe in making the Lord pay for everything charitable. I think there is something for me to do as an individual. When anything special arises in the church or anybody needs help I consider that an opportunity to do something myself and not something the Lord should pay for out of the tithe.

For instance, if somebody gets sick and has to have help, this should not come out of the church treasury. I think we should go down in our pockets and pay this out of the nine-tenths the Lord has allowed us to keep as our own. Lots of people have the idea that helping the sick or the unfortunate is the responsibility of the church. If we make the Lord pay for everything, what right have we to say that we have done anything ourselves? I think the tithe should be used only for the advancement of His cause such as sending missionaries, paying their expenses, building churches, buying Christian literature and the like.

—BR—

On Sunday August 23 a revival at Pittsboro began with Rev. Cecil Ellard acting as host pastor. Rev. G. R. Hudson of Pine Grove, Louisiana was the evangelist. There was one addition to the church by baptism. One dedicated her life to special service.



Two young men from the Indianola Church have recently been licensed for the preaching of the Gospel, Billy McDaniels and Frank Gunn. Both are members of this year's graduating class from Indianola High School, and are enrolled in Mississippi College where they will do their preparatory work for the ministry. They were licensed by the Indianola Church in a regular church conference, with the pastor, Dr. Kermit Canterbury, officiating.



## Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

Letter: My husband is an alcoholic. He has been drinking for fifteen years. Twice he has been baptized and has seemed to re-dedicate his life, but he was not able to hold out.

What can I do? He will not go to see a psychiatrist and he won't go to Alcoholics Anonymous. Do these hospitals that claim "cures" really help?

Answer: How do you know that your husband is an alcoholic? Only a person with a great deal of knowledge of alcoholism can recognize an alcoholic. Many excessive drinkers are not alcoholics. And some alcoholics have other emotional disorders which need to be treated also.

Read Marty Mann's Primer on Alcoholism (Rinehart); or better still, Clifford J. Earle's How to Help an Alcoholic (Westminster). Ask your book store or library.

Frankly, I don't know what you can do. But I can tell you what not to do. Don't lecture him. It does no good and probably prolongs his immaturity. Second, don't pull his chestnuts out of the fire. Usually it is impossible to help an alcoholic if any one person, especially a member of the family, will get him out of a jam everytime he gets into one. All you can do is to protect yourself and wait and keep praying.

No, most hospitals are a mistake for excessive drinkers, even for alcoholics. They can dry them up, but what is to keep them from getting drunk again?

Address all questions, to Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

## Next Week's Issue Of Record To Feature Cooperative Program

Be on the alert for next week's issue of the Baptist Record as it will be a big 16-page issue featuring the Cooperative Program.

The feature will be the \$1,200,000 Advance Goal. Watch for your Record.

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### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

September 14 — Transfer Church Membership Week; W. M. U. Week of Prayer for State Missions.

September 15 — Training Union Methods Study Course; Sunday School Association Planning Meetings.

September 16 — Mrs. W. B. Alexander, Bolivar Association W. M. U. Superintendent; Knox Jacobs, Marion Association Brotherhood President.

September 17 — Lenne Powell, State B. S. U. Council; Mrs. Florence F. Taylor, Blue Mountain College Faculty.

September 18 — Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Baptist Building, Mississippi Executive Secretary; Bryant Cummings, Lincoln Association Sunday School Superintendent.

September 19 — George T. Parker, Clarke College faculty; Mrs. M. C. Waldrop, Riverside Association Training Union Director.

September 20 — Mrs. Grady Cox, Mississippi College faculty; Rev. M. H. Ward, Association Organizer of Evangelism, Carroll and Montgomery Associations.

## 50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

J. L. BOYD

50 YEARS AGO

Pastor Tom Tomlinson tells of three meetings in which Rev. J. E. Wills did the preaching: LUDLOW, resulting in 29 accessions, nineteen for baptism; BETHLEHEM, 29 additions, 25 for baptism; and LEESBURG, 29 accession, 26 for baptism.

40 YEARS AGO

There were twenty-five added to the membership of the Macedonia church during a protracted meeting in which Rev. Wayne Alliston assisted his uncle, Rev. Wayne Sutton.

Pastor W. S. Allen reports three meetings: MORTON, with Dr. H. M. King as helper, and "one of the best meetings in the history of the church", but no addition; FLORENCE, in which by request of the church he did his own preaching, resulting in twelve accessions, eleven for baptism; MOUNTAIN CREEK, in which he also preached, with 12 additions, 12 for baptism.

Rev. Harry Leland Martin was the visiting preacher in "a glorious meeting" in the Spring Hill Church, near Oakland, which resulted in 18 additions, 14 for baptism. Rev. H. J. McCool, pastor.

25 YEARS AGO

The Bethel Church, Copiah County, received 17 into the membership, 12 by baptism, from a revival meeting in which Pastor Jas. A. Chapman was assisted by Rev. Owen Williams of Utica.

Twenty-two additions, 21 for baptism, resulted from a week's meeting in the Meridian Baptist Church, Calhoun County, during which Pastor C. H. Ellard had as helper Rev. Elmer Blalock.

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## PLEASE TAKE NOTICE!!!

Since the new book, "The Pull of the People," is a seasonal one for "Preparation Week," September 20-27, it is not returnable.

Therefore, take note of that fact in placing orders for this book. The price is only 35 cents, but any unused books cannot be returned to the Book Store for credit.

## ONLY ONE MORE WEEK UNTIL PREPARATION WEEK

Yes, September 21-25 is "Preparation Week," and that is only one week away. It will be here before we can hardly realize it.

It is a week of great potentialities for Southern Baptists. It is the last full week of this year. It is the last opportunity for Sunday School leaders to make any further plans for reaching "A Million More in '54" before that year actually begins, because the new year begins October 1, which is the next week.

However, September 21-25 will be just another week unless the school's leaders make some very definite and specific plans for that week. Good things just don't happen. Let's be like the mosquito: not wait for openings but make them.

But, with thorough planning, "Preparation Week" can be a wonderful week. It can mean more workers enlisted; more workers trained; more classes begun; more departments started; more visits made; more prospects found; more space arranged for; in fact, more of many good things.

So, let's really get busy and make it a great week. The study of the book, "The Pull of The People," will be of great value. If we work and pray that week, and make our plans large, much good will come from it.

## ITTA BENA BANQUET WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

The training awards bouquet of the Itta Bena Church, on Friday night, August 14, was great indeed.

Those who had completed some Sunday school or Training Union book, or books, during this year met first in the banquet hall and enjoyed to the fullest the excellent meal the ladies had prepared.

Then, all went to the main auditorium for the remainder of the program, of music, recognitions, and the featured message by Dr. Kermit Canterbury, pastor at Indianola.

Miss Margaret Mitchell was crowned Queen for having completed the most books this year—a total of 27.

That church set a goal of 500 awards for this year, for both Sunday school and Training Union. At the banquet time, they had 279 Sunday school and 173 Training Union, for a total of 452. They will make it yet, with the time left in this year.

Pastor Seal says training will do

wonders in solving the problems.

Miss Fanny Greene, the director of education, was the leader in this great program of training, that ranks high in our state for the year.

## PLEASE NOTE THESE ERRORS

In the new book, "The Pull of the People," prepared for use during "Preparation Week," September 21-25, there are four mistakes, as follows:

On page 40, the number near the middle of the page should be 73 and not 273. On page 51, Cradle Roll is used for Nursery, and omitted is the paragraph on Cradle Roll. On page 53, under Cradle Roll, the number should be 100 and not 10. On page 83, near the top of the page the word should be make and not made.

Please correct the mistakes in teaching the book, so your people will not get the wrong ideas. Thank you.

## TRAINING AWARDS RECORD FOR JULY, 1953

No. Awards for July ..... 1,252  
No. Awards to date ..... 19,165  
No. churches to date ..... 516  
No. associations to date .... 73

## HIGH FIVE ASSOCIATIONS

Mississippi ..... 176  
Hinds ..... 194  
Leflore ..... 89  
Jones ..... 83  
Union ..... 57

## HIGH FIVE CHURCHES

Itta Bena First ..... 89  
Jackson Calvary ..... 75  
Woodville ..... 56  
Liberty ..... (tie) 48  
Natchez First ..... (tie) 48

## SIN... THE MOST EXPENSIVE THING IN THE WORLD

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It can become the master of anyone who indulges in it.

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IT BINDS one in bondage.

IT IS A CRUEL taskmaster.

AND DEBASES ALL IT TOUCHES.

TOUCHE.

FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH; BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. — Romans 6:23—Bulletin Southside Church, Jackson.

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The September issue of Home Life has an interesting article entitled "The Lesson" by Dr. F. V. McFartridge, Coldwater.

## Hear The Baptist Hour

Dr. Baker James Cauthen will be the preacher on the Baptist Hour broadcast on Sunday, September 13. His message will be heard in 28 states and 7 foreign countries.

WDOB, Canton, 5:00 p. m.;  
WGLC, Centerville, 1:30 p. m.;  
WCLD, Cleveland, 6:00 p. m.;  
WACR, Columbus 2:30 p. m.;  
WJPR, Greenville; WFOR, Hattiesburg, 10:15 p. m.; WLSM, Louisville, 8:30 a. m.; WMBC, Macon, 2:30 p. m.; WAPF, McComb, 9:00 a. m.; WCOC, Meridian, 4:00 p. m.; WNAT, Natchez, 7:15 a. m.; WRJW, Picayune, 1:00 p. m.; WPMP, Pascagoula, 4:30 p. m.; and WVIM, Vicksburg, 5:00 p. m.

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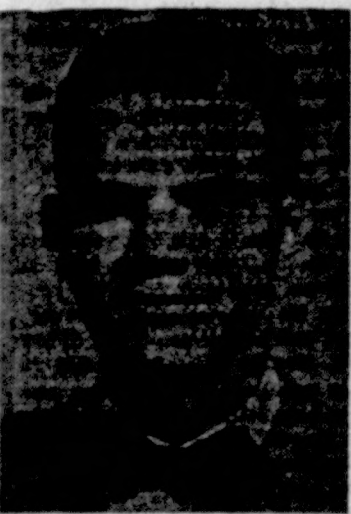
## RILEY L. FREEMAN

"It is indeed with a feeling of sadness that Petal-Harvey Baptist Church draws up the following resolutions on the death of Bro. Riley L. Freeman, Deacon and Clerk.

The impression that Riley L. Freeman made is one that will long be our heritage. He was willing to sacrifice the comforts and pleasures of home and family life to work with willing hands, unselfish heart, intelligent mind, and joyous and understanding Christian living. By his sweetness, gentleness, and helpfulness he endeared himself to every member of the church. He was always tactful, approachable, and helpful in solving some difficult problems for the church. By his goodness and fineness of character he has led us of this church to become better Christian men and women.

WHEREAS: We have been blessed by his coming and our lives enriched in a great and Christian fellowship,

NOW THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Deacons of Petal-Harvey Baptist Church that a copy of these resolutions be put in the minutes of our church record, one placed in the hands of his loyal and devoted wife, and be published in the Baptist Record. Smith, F. A. McDonald, and Mrs. Spencer Wilson.



REV. EDWARD DODSON

Rev. Edward Dodson (shown above) of Port Gibson has accepted the pastorate of the Camden Church. This is his first pastorate. Mr. Dodson is a Junior at Mississippi College.

## Returns To Blue Mountain



MISS MYRTLE CAWOOD

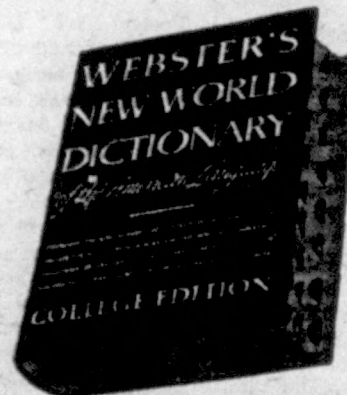
Miss Myrtle Cawood returns to Blue Mountain College to head the department of speech. She holds the M. A. degree from the University of Alabama.

The fields are "white unto harvest." In Bishop Arthur J. Moore's new book entitled Immortal Tidings in Mortal Hands there are five soul-stirring messages calling on every Christian to remember his responsibility of bearing the immortal tidings of the good news of salvation. God has entrusted the message of hope for the distracted world to mortal hands. The author faces the vastness of the kingdom to be conquered, but he remembers that the church was created for a great redemptive mission. He challenges Christians of today to be of equal courage and consecration with the Christian heroes of the past. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Abingdon-Chesbury Press, 516 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee for \$1.75.

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## CAMPUS REPORTS

The work of the summer B. S. U. program at Mississippi Southern has been the best ever. Mason Andrews, the summer president, with a functioning summer council has seen to it that our general meetings and council meetings have been among the best we've ever had. The council met in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Riley Munday, B. S. U. Secretary, for one of their meetings. The general meetings have been student-centered with student program personnel. One of the fine members of one of the churches not too far distant from Hattiesburg sent a check for \$75 to send one of our students to Glorieta for its first B. S. U. week. The matter was mentioned over the radio in a devotional period and the B. S. U. received \$75 more for the same purpose which will be distributed among those who are planning to go in equal shares. The B. S. U. secretary preached in the annual revival at Indian Springs Baptist Church in Perry County.—Riley Munday, Mississippi Southern.

One Sunday night when both our Pastor and Associate Pastor were out of town, Travis Lunceford did the preaching. Walter Johnson directed the music and Salina Smith sang a solo, so we had a student program! Travis preached last night at the North Oxford Baptist Church. It is a very fine thing for the Ole Miss BSU to have a president who is so dedicated in his Christian life, as is Travis. He is also a volunteer for Medical Missions.

The BSU Council made a request to the Training Union Department of our church for a fall "Youth Week" rather than a summer month "Youth Week". The request was considered and voted by the church in Quarterly Conference and November 1-8 has been set as the date. A committee has already chosen the following students: Youth Week pastor, Travis Lunceford; S. S. superintendent, Bob Barnett; T. U. director, Mary Libby Bickerstaff; WMU president, Nancy Bagwell; Brotherhood President, Cecil Kelum, and Ch. of Deacons, Deway New. These will meet as soon as school opens, nominate all the other young people for the many offices in the church, and make plans for the activities of the week. We feel that by changing to a fall month, more students will be here to participate and such participation will give an impetus to our whole BSU program for the school year.—Marian Lee-vee, Ole Miss.

The biggest thing that happened during the Summer Term was what we called Mid-Summer Yes-

pers. It is an annual affair here. It is a series of late afternoon services lasting through the week of July 6 through 10. It is planned by students and only students are on the programs. About 35 different students were used in the programs and about 20 more in the planning. It helped the students get acquainted and built a spirit of fellowship that was lacking in the Summer student body until it came along.

The other big thing was a campus-wide picnic sponsored by the B. S. U. the last Friday afternoon before school was out. Students report it was the best we have ever had.

During the summer term I taught Old Testament to a night class of veterans. It was my first opportunity to contact this class. I feel rather sure that the most significant work I did this summer in helping any of our student body in a religious way grew out of that class. It has been a neglected part of our work here. I feel that much good was done beyond the mere teaching of the class.—Louie Farmer, Clarke Memorial College.

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## Ruleville Secretary



MISS CLARA SELLERS

Miss Clara Sellers has accepted the position as educational secretary of the Ruleville Church. She will succeed Miss Gwendolyn Campers, who resigned August 1, to marry.

Miss Sellers is a 1951 graduate of Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg. She is a native of Hattiesburg and at present is employed by the Forest County General Hospital in Hattiesburg. In the school year of 1951-52 she was a member of the faculty of Ruleville High School as a teacher of commercial work.

She will begin her work on Sept. 14. During the interval period, Miss Maudine Chandler is serving as office secretary.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

Holly Bluff .....	130	60
Jackson, Northside .....	422	110
Jackson, Broadmoor .....	226	107
Jackson, Daniel Memorial .....	700	334
Jackson, Calvary .....	1203	334
Main Church .....	1151	293
Mission .....	52	41
Laurel, First .....	502	159
Laurel, West .....	334	97
Clarksdale .....	646	115
Ruleville .....	267	117
Main Church .....	236	61
Calvary Mission .....	31	56
Columbus, Southside .....	155	88
Main Church .....	141	...
Mission .....	14	...
Pascagoula, First .....	776	293
Main School .....	590	199
Orange Grove Chapel .....	40	29
McArthur Chapel .....	69	25
Jackson Ave. Chapel .....	77	40
Lucedale .....	335	154
Brownsville, Beulah .....	102	90
Greenwood, Calvary .....	549	223
Yellow Leaf (Lafayette) .....	75	61
New Prospect (Lafayette) .....	102	67
Lula .....	101	62
Houlka .....	124	64
New Albany, First .....	588	153
Mission .....	45	...
Glenfield (Union) .....	84	100
Gulfport, First .....	814	241
Yazoo City, Calvary .....	219	155
Jackson, First Church .....	1343	407
Main Church .....	1237	349
Ridgecrest Chapel .....	106	58
Hickory Flat .....	144	74
Morton .....	320	153
Main Church .....	293	...
Mission .....	27	...
Corinth, Tate Street .....	255	71
East Corinth (Alcorn) .....	155	77
Philadelphia, First .....	354	119
Laurel, Highland .....	169	61
Laurel, Joe Wheeler .....	59	55
Laurel, Wildwood .....	136	68
Yazoo City, First .....	424	129
Grenada, Emmanuel .....	234	106
Grenada, First .....	600	105
Picayune, First .....	560	189
Brookhaven, First .....	735	220
Main Church .....	634	164
Southway .....	71	40
Helbert Heights .....	30	16
Newton .....	519	284
Hattiesburg, Temple .....	468	147
Bay St. Louis, First .....	123	63
McComb, Locust Street .....	78	62
Purvis, First .....	234	105
Meridian, 15th Avenue .....	420	180
Meridian, Highland .....	490	137
Pleasant Ridge (Holmes) .....	89	61
Houston, First .....	252	119
Laurel, Hillcrest .....	64	73
Laurel, Second Ave. .....	283	92
Vaiden .....	123	37
Biloxi, First .....	483	150
Clinton .....	447	314
McComb, Friendship .....	191	65
Kosciusko, First .....	660	218
Columbus, East End .....	217	106
Columbus, First .....	768	262
Mark, First .....	291	66
Main Church .....	197	...
Mission .....	34	...
Longview (Oktobeha) .....	89	40
Jackson, Highland .....	186	86

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Glenfield (Union) ..... 101 | 107 |

Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Smith of the Tate Street Church, Corinth, welcomed their first son, Michael Glenn, on September 1. The child was brought from Corinth to Jackson on September 1, after developing yellow jaundice. He is now in the Baptist Hospital under the care of a specialist.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

### STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL COMING

Participants of the District Music Festivals are now qualified to enter the State Music Festival. If you entered a choral group, you may increase the size of the group for the State Festival. The State Music Festival will be held in the First Church, Jackson, November 27th, and by all means, we want you to start making plans now to be present, and enter this great festival. A total enrolment of 3228 will be eligible to enter this festival. This includes 238 hymn players. Materials will be sent out within a few days regarding the State Music Festival.

### ASSOCIATIONAL HYMN SING

#### REPORTS INTERESTING

According to records in the Music Office, hymn sings are being held in 18 associations from which we do not have reports for this year. However, we have received associational reports from the following associations: Attala, Alcorn, Copiah, DeSoto, Hinds, Jackson, Lamar, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marshall, Miss., Panola, Pike, Pontotoc, Scott, Smith, Tallahatchie, Tishomingo, Union, Union Co., and Winston.

There are 13 associations with Departments of Music with elected associational music directors. These have been set up at associational hymn sings. The Music Department requests all associational music directors to please send in

the total number of people present for each hymn sing held during 1953 up to November 1st.

The Associational Hymn Sing, usually held once each quarter, is a stimulating and inspiring musical activity of great spiritual benefit. It is a church-sponsored program for the purpose of singing the great standard and gospel hymns, which contain true scriptural admonition, sound doctrinal teaching, poems of worthy literary construction and music of meritorious composition. Remember, plan the program for maximum participation, keep it interesting and varied, and make it real spiritual experience for all who glorify God through singing.

### REMEMBER, SEPTEMBER IS CHURCH MUSIC MONTH

September is an excellent time for music emphasis and we suggest that all churches consider seriously their opportunities and responsibilities in this field. However, promotion does not end with September; this is a year-around necessity.

A successful month will mean that we can look forward to a year of musical activities throughout the church life which is well-planned, thoroughly organized, and Christ-centered. It will mean that at the end of twelve months, we can have the joy of viewing a year's work that will have contributed much to the spiritual lives of those with whom we work.

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## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

## Hillcrest Starts Right

The recently organized Hillcrest Church in Jones County believes that a good beginning means a good ending, and therefore they have made the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record a part of their program. Recently a list of the families of that church was received from Mrs. James Pope.

Record readers in Jones County are now listed as follows:

FREEDOM 49, BETHEL 28, BETHLEHEM 83, CALVARY 32, COUNTY LINE 50, ELLISVILLE 414, FAIRFIELD 44, Fellowship 6, Friendship 2, HARMONY 137, HEBRON 58, INDIAN SPRINGS 92, LAUREL, FIRST 440, LAUREL, SECOND AVENUE 244, LAUREL, BEACON 102, LAUREL, SOUTH 45, LAUREL, WEST 172, MOSELLE 47, EAST VIEW 76, NEW HOPE 33, OVETT 43, PECAN GROVE 42, PINE GROVE 51, SANDERSVILLE 72, SAND HILL 38, SHARON 85, Shelton 18, SOSO 108, SUMMERLAND 54, TUCKER'S CROSSING 23, GLADE 140, Pleasant Ridge 1, WEST ELLISVILLE 56, Eastabuchie 16, LAUREL, HIGHLAND 115, Laurel, Joe Wheeler 16, LAUREL, WILDWOOD 186, EMMANUEL 20, HILLCREST 25.

## Free Trial Plan Works At Calvary In Panola

As is usually the case, another church has tried the free trial plan of the Baptist Record and then adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan. A few weeks ago Rev. L. G. Camp, Jr., pastor of Calvary Church, Batesville, asked for the Record to be sent for a few weeks on trial.

Before the trial period was up the church voted to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan and thus more subscriptions have been added to the growing subscription list of the Baptist Record.

Record readers in Panola County are now listed as follows: Askew 13, BATESVILLE 252, COMO 82, Courtland 16, CRENSHAW 46, Curtis 5, ENON 43, GOOD HOPE 39, HEBRON 35, LIBERTY HILL 39, Lock Station 13, Longtown 8, McIvor 6, PEACH CREEK 56, Pharsalia 2, PILGRIM'S REST 34, POPE 31, SARDIS 30, TOCOWA 28, UNION 25, White Oak 1, SHADY GROVE 21, White Oak Grove 4, CALVARY 34.

## Meadow View Tries Free Trial—Adopts EF Plan

The free trial plan worked at Meadow View Church in Harrison County. The pastor is Rev. William Moote. A few weeks ago he asked that the Record be sent on trial so that his people might become acquainted with the Record. A recent letter instructs that the Record be continued.

Record readers in Harrison County are now listed as follows: BIG RIDGE 43, BILOXI, FIRST 311, Calvary Mission 18, BILOXI, EAST HOWARD 128, Crane 1, GULFPORT, FIRST 858, GULFPORT, EAST SIDE 79, GULFPORT, GRACE MEMORIAL 62, FERNWOOD (BOWEN MEMORIAL) 30, HANDSBORO 119, LONG

BEACH 152, Mississippi City 2, NEW HOPE 37, PASS CHRISTIAN 38, Sharon 15, West Gulfport 19, WOOLMARKET 32, LYMAN 38, Riverside 11; McHENRY 20, Pass Road 16, Success 18, TRINITY 65, Meadow View 12.

## Calhoun City

Baptist work in Calhoun City continues to grow. First Church, with Rev. Clarence Cutrell as pastor, and Willis Hicks Memorial, with Rev. R. B. Hicks as pastor, are both in high gear.

A new Sunday School addition to the First Church added greatly to the facilities and the Sunday School is showing the results.

Rev. H. J. Pritchard of Dallas, Texas, recently led the Willis-Hicks Church in a revival. There were 18 additions. The church runs a bus which enables many to attend who otherwise would not come.

Record readers in Calhoun County are now listed as follows:

BRADFORD CHAPEL 25, BANNER 40, BETHANY 85, BETHEL 33, Big Creek 1, BRUCE 151, CALHOUN CITY, FIRST 249, WILLIS HICKS MEMORIAL 58, Calvary 16, College Hill 1, Concord 15, DERMA 45, Duncan Hill 6, EL LARD 34, MACEDONIA 39, MERIDIAN 23, MIDWAY 44, MT. MORIAH 30, New Hope 10, New Providence 1, OLD TOWN 26, Parker 3, PITTSBORO 38, Pleasant Ridge 3, Pleasant Grove 18, Providence 6, SABOUGLA 33, Sarepta 1, Sherman 1, SHILOH 51, Spring Creek 1, Spring Hill 2, Vardaman 16, Turkey Creek 1, and Rocky Branch 1.

## Paynes

One of our most delightful experiences was being with the Paynes Church revival meeting.

Pastor H. Grady Wilkes had made thorough preparation for the work. Not only did the people work but so did the pastor. As far as we could see, he didn't waste a minute.

There were 14 additions and 28 rededications.

The music director for the meeting was George Kester of Tallahassee, Florida.

During our many years of preaching experiences we have worked with many singers, but never one who was more helpful and satisfactory than Mr. Kester. He doesn't try to put on a show, but he does magnify the Lord. He gets the people to sing and he can sing himself.

Any pastor desiring to get in connection with Mr. Kester may write him at P. O. Box 1254, Tallahassee, Florida.

Record readers in Tallahatchie County are now listed as follows: Brazil 14; CASCILLA 23; CHARLESTON, 208; CORINTH, 22; COWART, 28; Friendship No. 1, 13; FRIENDSHIP No. 2, 49, MT. PISGAH, 31; New Life, 12; Paul, 18; PAYNES, 67; PHILLIPP, 51; SPRING HILL, 38; SUMNER, 53; TUTWILER, 94; Tippe, 18; Webb, 78.

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Richton Church recently called Mr. Robert E. Fortenberry as minister of music. Mrs. Robert E. Fortenberry is their new organist. Rev. W. M. Averett is the pastor.



Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: James D. Hayes, Durant; Rev. W. M. Averett, Richton; Mrs. G. B. McIlwain, Pascagoula; Mrs. J. B. Smith, Magee; Rev. Mack Bomar, Holly Bluff; Rev. W. A. Sullivan, Oxford; J. D. Thompson, Booneville; J. M. Moore, Booneville; Rev. Troy Prince, Carthage; M. D. Keagan, Carthage; W. T. Dickson, Thaxton; Foy Rogers, Pontotoc; W. B. Boatner, Port Gibson; L. J. Crumby, Sunflower; D. H. Ray, Sunflower; John B. Laney, Winona; J. D. Hooks, McCassey; Martin Gennings, Jonesboro, Arkansas; Amy Sterling, Jackson; Mary Sue Taylor, Noxapater; Mildred Kelly, Noxapater; Annie Pearl Triplett, Noxapater; Mrs. Iver Clark, Noxapater.

"It is better to build boys than to mend men." The organization of Royal Ambassadors, which pivots around two interests: boys and missions, was established with something like this idea in mind. It is highly important that this vital organization have trained counselors. A new book, GUIDE FOR COUNSELORS OF ROYAL AMBASSADOR CHAPTERS, by J. Ivyly Bishop, Southwide R. A. Secretary, seeks to meet the needs of counselors. Mr. Bishop gives something of the need for R. A. work and of its history. He gives hints on how to reach boys. He discusses the R. A. ceremonies, officer's duties, the ranking system, and includes sections on recreation and special activities such as camping, first aid, and mission tours. The games and choruses included appeal especially to boys. The book is now on sale at the Baptist Book Store and at Royal Ambassadors, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham, 3, Alabama for the price of \$1.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. J. P. Bush, Philadelphia; Mrs. Norris L. Stampley, Jackson; Mary Lynn Stampley, Jackson; Virginia Kaye Stampley, Jackson; R. C. Upton, Madison; Rev. C. O. Estes, Mt. Olive; Rev. Thurman Beeth, Iuka; B. F. Williams, Jackson; Dr. Charles L. McKay, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. and Mrs. Solie I. Smith, Canton; Carol Lynn Smith, Canton; Joyce Madeline Smith, Canton; Paul Douglas Smith, Canton; Johnny Curbo, Jackson; Lennis Sills, Jackson; Bill Manning, Jr., Jackson; Mrs. V. C. Barlow, Jackson; Robert K. Upchurch, Jackson; Rev. Guy A. Little, Smithdale; Rev. M. Glenn Smith, Corinth; Rev. C. E. Patch, Baldwin.

## BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

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## STEWARDSHIP—A BROTHERHOOD MAJOR

Southern Baptists are advancing in every field, including evangelism, training, education and stewardship. We must ever seek to continue this advance if we are to fill our place in a world task.

The spread of the Gospel into all the world waits upon the stewardship of those who are called by the name of Christ. If Southern Baptists ever become the stewards they should, there would be no church or denominational task too large for us to undertake.

God is blessing Southern Baptists in a most significant way. We are a people of increasing numbers and resources, and as such are a people with a mission and a purpose. However, many Baptists are unaware of the fact that numbers and resources bring increasing responsibilities and obligations. God is placing upon us as perhaps no other group has possessed in the history of Christendom. Failure in this hour to use those potentials will be doing our Lord and His cause a grave injustice.

Southern Baptists must be made to realize that they have no assurance for the future apart from their love and devotion to His cause today. Hence, this stewardship emphasis in all Southern Baptist churches during 1953.

The "Advance in Stewardship" from its inception to its completion is a cooperative undertaking.

Baptist Brotherhood has promoted stewardship for many years. Some of us cannot remember how long it has been since we failed to have stewardship as one of our Majors.

God only knows what it has meant to harness our great host of men behind our stewardship program. In 1936, there were 5,076 enrolled in Brotherhood. At the close of 1950 there were 5,076 Brotherhoods—a Brotherhood for every man enrolled in Brotherhood.

Bryan Cummings, minister of education of the First Church, Brookhaven, has an interesting article in the September issue of the Sunday School Builder. The article tells about the annual fellowship meeting of the Extension Department and carries a picture of the group.

Rev. Lucian G. Conway, pastor of Mars Hill Church, Amite county, was the evangelist for the recent revival at Bethel Church, Amite county. The pastor, Rev. H. L. Anderson, led the singing. There were five additions by baptism and three rededications.

only 14 years before. This tremendous growth is nothing less than stupendous.

This stewardship effort this year has been cut to order for Brotherhood. It calls for men. We have the men—men by the mile! If we should stand Baptist men in line, allowing about five feet per man, they could hold hands and form a line about 1,420 miles, or the distance between Ridgecrest and Dallas, Texas. What an army!

The program is big. It calls for some 27,000 Baptist churches engaged at one time, October 18-25, in a School of Stewardship. That is big enough for us but not too big.

There are some things that Baptist men are not interested in in connection with this great effort. Baptist men aren't interested in just another study course as good as they are. It would be a pity for this great effort to dwindle down to nothing more or less than just a series of meetings.

Baptist men will not be impressed with the church entering into this campaign in order not to be different. Too much of our co-operation is based on that kind of thing.

We are not interested in getting more money in order for the churches to go on a spending spree for their own comforts. It is for the sake of the total mission program that we engage in this great stewardship effort.

Our main objectives in the Advance in Stewardship for 1953 is to cause our people to get a new vision of our possibilities, to adopt budgets and to give an increased amount of our money to Missions through the Cooperative Program. Incidentally a church has no more right to designate their money than an individual.

## ARTHRITIS?

I have been wonderfully blessed in being restored to active life after being crippled in nearly every joint in my body and with muscular soreness from head to foot. I had Rheumatoid Arthritis and other forms of Rheumatism, hands deformed and my ankles were set.

Limited space prohibits telling you more here but if you will write me I will reply at once and tell you how I received this wonderful relief.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Dr. L. Bracey Campbell for September 13 Courage for Christian Living

Bible Text: II Timothy 1 and 2.  
I. WHAT A WITNESSING FOR CHRIST REQUIRED IN PAUL'S DAY

In this day as in all days, we sorely need to ponder the meaning of the words and phrases we use, and the meaning of the words used by the early Christians. In many cases we need certainly to learn the difference between the meanings of the same words as used of the early Christians and of our contemporary professors of the Christians. There is a vast difference in the basic meaning of the word "peace" as used by our Lord and Paul, and the use we make of the same word now.

Such slogans as: "Join the church and find peace of mind", "Join the church and get peace of soul", "Come to Christ and find relief from all your troubles", "Find in Christ a resting place and be made glad in Him". And the idea people who use these words and those who hear them get is the idea of contentment of soul. Solace! Ease! Tranquility! Cessation from all labor! An end to all strenuous endeavor! A relief from all temptation! A condition upon the surface of which to drift, an atmosphere in which to dream and after this life, to recline and lounge upon a golden-tinted cloud-couch and play a harp through all the endless years.

May my Lord in mercy deliver me from an earthly life so empty of meaning as that imagined by these good people, and keep me forever out of a heaven (?) void of virile meaning! We do not find this vivid meaning of Christianity in the record of the early Christians. One will search in vain for one word in which the early Christians were promised freedom from persecution, release from labor, surcease from trouble. The Lord's words to Ananias of Damascus concerning Paul run thus: "I will show him how great (many) things he must suffer for my name's sake (Acts 9:16). And so it was in every case! No man or woman was called to a life of leisure or of selfish ease; but they were called to bold profession of faith in Christ, to toils beyond the power of hearts unaided to perform, to sufferings beyond the ability of hearts to sustain except through the aid of the indwelling Christ.

When Peter and John, having healed the lame man at the Beautiful gate of the temple (Acts 3:1-8), were brought before the council of the leaders of the Jews, were threatened with dire punishment if they persisted in preaching in the name of the Nazarene, went back to their brethren and sisters in Christ and reported all the sayings of theirs to the council and of the council to them. Now read Acts 4:24-31, especially noting vv. 29-31. "Now Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy Servants that, with all boldness, they may speak thy word, by stretching forth

thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of the holy child Jesus', and when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."

This was the sort of "ease", of "contentment", of "serenity", of "freedom from all care", the early Christians enjoyed. They had need of courage who followed Jesus in the early days and this courage sufficient to make them stand in the face of the threat and fact of death was a gift from God to them in response to an unshaken faith in Jesus.

We hear much in these days of the sin of unfaithfulness, of backsliding, of conduct unbecoming Christian people. Preachers go about the land proclaiming this the most sinful of all generations, declaring that the world is growing worse in moral fiber all the time, and must in a brief while bring the Lord Jesus back for judgment to a world grown terrifyingly worse since His exit from it. But no one who takes time to study the moral conditions that obtained in the age of Paul but will be horrified the conditions which obtained then as compared with those in Christian lands now.

### II. PAUL'S PERSONAL TESTIMONY AS A SOURCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO TIMOTHY

"I am not ashamed". The late W. A. Sullivan of Natchez and I were talking about the different churches in a great city, of what they had to offer in the way of equipment aids to worship, and when I had done telling him as far as I knew, he asked me, "If the Lord should call me here, what would I have to offer in comparison?" "Just the simple gospel, Will, and that is all you need".

That was all Paul had, and he was not ashamed of it. He knew that to be the power of God unto salvation, to all who would believe it. "I know Him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him" (that which I have deposited with Him) "against that day." Note here that if Paul placed his trust not in a creed but a character, not in a set of words, but in a person, not in a person who was crucified merely, but in a person who, being crucified, dead and buried, rose from the dead to a life beyond the grasp of death. It is unto this raised-up, exalted, enthroned, and regnant Christ that Paul points Timothy.

### III. PAUL'S EXHORTATION TO TIMOTHY

"Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee." And the gift is twofold. A spirit of power and love and discipline. The Christian of any age is not to be faint-hearted, but to abide in confidence in the knowledge of the power of God imparted to the Christian through the Spirit. There is the grace of God also.

This gift makes the recipient of it graceful in all dealings with people, extending the grace of sympathy, of love, of helpfulness. The grace of a love that extends to all classes and conditions of



Shown above is the baptismal scene held by Concord Church, Choctaw County, at the close of the recent revival services. At the left is the pastor, Rev. W. E. Palmer, who directed the music, and Rev. A. V. Faggard, standing on the steps, who was the evangelist. There were 19 for baptism, three by letter, and one rededication.

### Mrs. Roebuck Joins Aberdeen Church Staff

Mrs. A. A. Roebuck, instructor of piano and voice in the Aberdeen Public Schools, has been elected to serve as educational director and minister of music in the First Church, Aberdeen.

Mrs. Roebuck had been serving as choir director in the Church for several years. She received her education at Clarke College, Newton, Mississippi Southern College, and Mississippi College. She was also a voice pupil of Professor Frank Slater, Jackson.

She will succeed Kenneth Denton, Baylor University student, who will return to Waco for further study.

people everywhere in God's world—in Africa and in China and Japan and Russia, and over the next yard fence, and on the back street of the town and on the "wrong side of the railroad"—

Paul exhorts Timothy to accept his share of suffering. Suffering is of the condition of human life. All people meet it whether they will or not. There are at least two ways of meeting it: One, the pagan, Godless way, the "way of the world; the other, the Christian way, the way that looks upon suffering as a means by which God's chosen may be purified, refined, disciplined. The sweetest Christians in the world are those who have been refined by sorrow, who have endured great suffering.

There is great need of Christian courage in our world. I have said I believe that our world is a better one than that into which Christianity was born, and I do believe that; but there is wickedness enough in our world, the Lord knows. The political organization of the present world is on the same pattern as that of earlier days—an utterly selfish one. We have in democracies an election to "turn the rascals out", only to turn a worse crowd in.

There are Godless social groups and wicked social institutions. There is active persecution in many lands. Non-conformists are persecuted everywhere. We hear of persecutions in Italy, in the United States of Columbia, South America, in China, in Russia, and many other lands. While here at home a paganism of indifference to the calls of the good are actively opposed.

Rev. and Mrs. A. Jackson Glaze, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Argentina, have left for language school in Costa Rica and may be addressed at Apartado 1883, San Jose, Costa Rica. Mr. Glaze is a native of Mississippi.

### Make Plans Now For 1955 Simultaneous Revivals

BY DR. C. E. WILBANKS  
Director of Evangelism

Each of the associations should plan for 1955 simultaneous revivals, as the associations meet this fall.

Grenada Association set the pattern when it met September 1st. A unanimous vote was cast to participate in the plans for simultaneous revivals in all Southern Baptist churches and missions in the United States, Alaska, Cuba and Panama in 1955. The Association elected her chairman and organizer of evangelism.

Make sure that these two workers are elected and that the association votes upon the 1955 crusade.

There will be three zones as plans materialize for the meetings: the Southern zone, the Middle zone and the Northern zone.

Mississippi, about equally divided, lies in two of those zones; the Southern and the Middle. The counties crossed by Highway 80 form the dividing line. Those counties and the counties south of them are in the Southern zone. Those counties North of them are in the Middle zone.

The time for the revival meetings in these zones is as follows:

Southern zone (South Mississippi), March 6-26, 1955;

Middle zone, (North Mississippi) March 27-April 10, 1955.

Caution should be used, lest enthusiasm for the 1955 revivals cause the association to overlook plans for a simultaneous revivals crusade in 1954. A crusade in '54 will reach many more than will be reached otherwise. As the work is done to "enroll a million more in '54", revivals should be conducted to win to Christ and to church membership all who have attained the years of accountability.

A crusade in '54 will train the workers for the '55 gigantic movement in soul-winning. Always, in simultaneous revivals the association is the unit of operation.

### Taylorsville Has First Youth Week

The Taylorsville Church sponsored its first Youth Week and Youth Revival during the week of August 9-14. Rev. Dick Gwyn, pastor of Summerland Church, was the visiting preacher; Rev. Barney Loper, youth director at Taylorsville Church, directed the music; and Miss Gaye Holcomb, a Mississippi College sophomore from Hazlehurst, was the revival pianist.

Each morning Mr. Gwyn taught from the book of James. Each night the young people enjoyed a discussion on the subject, "Planning a Life." For all young people there was "singspiration" and "fellowship" led by Barney Loper and Gaye Holcomb after the service.

Thirty-one young people came forward reconsecrating their lives; four adults also rededicated their lives; three young people surrendered to full-time service; four young people came forward on profession of faith.



GEORGE H. STEWARD

George H. Steward, shown above, of Wyatt, Mississippi, was licensed to the gospel ministry on August 23, 1953, by the Wyatt Church of Tate County.

### Mississippi Associational Stewardship Rally Set

The associational stewardship Rally for Mississippi Association has been set for the Liberty Church Monday night, Sept. 14.

Presiding will be Grady Rice, of Liberty, stewardship chairman. The visiting speaker will be Rev. Joe Abrams, of Jackson, Director of Promotion and zone leader for that area.

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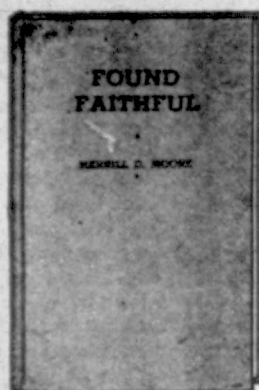
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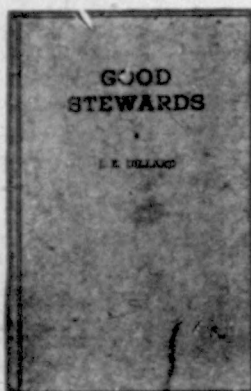
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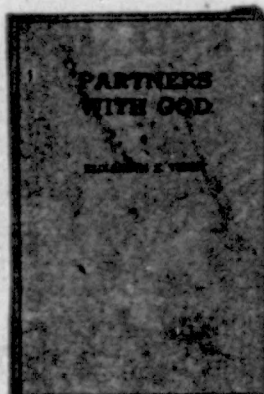
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## How To Find Those Non-Resident Members

BY DR. HAROLD E. INGRAHAM  
Sunday School Board

To seek, to find, to locate just exactly where and who—this is essential.

If your church is to make an active gain through Transfer Church Membership Week, the first step is to find these non-resident members who should join with you.

Suggestions are made in the do this job that is so vitally important.

1. **THE WILL TO FIND.** If it is to be just haphazard effort, a matter of convenience, or a casual invitation to those about whom we may know with little effort, then the gain will be small indeed. But if through prayer and consideration of the tremendous importance of this vital matter we can come to develop a "will to find," the first important step will have been taken. A vote might help. In some meeting of the workers or in some business session of the church vote to find these unaffiliated Baptists who should be in your church.

2. **GET PROPER INFORMATION AND SUPPLIES.** The pastor will get a letter telling all about the Transfer Church Membership Campaign. A great many articles will be in the state papers. Other special publicity materials will be seen from time to time. What you really need in the way of supplies is an adequate number of **SEARCH CARDS.** These may be obtained from your Baptist Book Store.

3. **SEARCH YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL ROLL.** If your Sunday school is active, if it is growing, if it has the out-reaching spirit, doubtless there will be non-resident unaffiliated Baptists listed on your Sunday school roll. The names of these should be carefully sought-out and Search Cards filled out for them.

4. **FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE.** Many churches maintain live lists of prospects for church membership. Among these prospects will be many unaffiliated Baptists. Search Cards should be made for them.

5. **WELCOME WAGON SERVICES.** In most every city now there is a service maintained by some secular company, usually under the title of Welcome Wagon Service, where people who are moving into various communities of the city are listed and adequate information secured about them. Where this service is maintained, the church may subscribe to it and get the names of many unaffiliated Baptists in this way.

6. **FROM PRESENT MEMBERS** If the matter is given publicity and made a matter of emphasis and Search Cards are passed out both in the congregation and in the various departments of the Sunday school, many of your members can list the names of unaffiliated Baptists whom they know who are their neighbors and their friends.

7. **THE WORSHIP SERVICE-CONGREGATION.** Many unaffiliated Baptists attend church infrequently and some more fre-



Shown above is the Vacation Bible School at Pleasant Grove Church in Grenada County. At this first Bible School that the church had ever held, Mrs. O. D. Spratlin, Jr. was the principal. Thirty-nine pupils received certificates. The W. M. U. helped to provide transportation and refreshments. Rev. G. W. Middleton is the pastor.

quently. Surely every congregation will see to it that all unaffiliated Baptists who come to a service are welcomed, variously introduced and Search Cards filled out for them.

8. **FOLLOW YOUR OWN.** This can be the new element which, properly developed, would be most significant as a part of this Transfer Church Membership movement. All those members who have moved away from your church, find out where they moved. Find out what church is near them and write the pastor. Then write them a letter and tell them that you have written the pastor. This will help that church to "find" them.

9. And now we come of course to **THE ONE WAY.** All these others can produce some results and can be helpful. **BUT THE ONE WAY IS TO TAKE A CENSUS.** There is no substitute for it. Along about the first Sunday in September take a census. Take a good one. Let it be the basis of your Transfer Church Membership Week. Use it later on in the month for Preparation Week for "A Million More in '54."

Now taking a census is not easy and a little bit of effort just won't do the job. Get the finest leader in your church and make him chairman of the effort. Let him work with the Sunday school.

1. Lay out the territory.
2. From this, decide how many workers you will need.
3. Through preaching, praying,

programs, and teaching, enlist all the workers you need to take the census in two hours' time.

4. Take it on a Sunday afternoon

5. Give instructions to the workers.

6. Let them go out and return the cards to the church Sunday afternoon.

7. Follow up on the "not-at-homes."

8. See that all territories are finished.

9. Sort the cards and pull out the unaffiliated Baptists and—

You will have done a good job on how to find non-resident church members for Transfer Church Membership Week. Then you are ready to start work.

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During the first eight months of 1953, Mississippi gave \$295,227 through the Cooperative Program, according to the report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. For the same period in 1952, contributions through the Cooperative Program were \$253,596. Designated gifts for the same period in 1953 were \$222,431 as compared with \$201,687 in 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil F. Roberson, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria who are in the states on furlough, have moved from Bonita to Meridian, Miss., where they are living at 5926 Manning. Both are natives of Meridian.



Shown above is the Vacation Bible Preparation Day parade at Stewart. Rev. J. W. Nolen is the pastor.